

Appln. No. 09/594,875
Amendment dated October 25, 2004
Reply to Office Action of August 9, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The August 9, 2004 Final Office Action and the Examiner's comments have been carefully considered. In response, claims are cancelled and amended, and remarks are set forth below in a sincere effort to place the present application in form for allowance. The amendments are supported by the application as originally filed. Therefore, no new matter is added.

Inasmuch as the present Amendment raises no new issues for consideration, and, in any event, places the present application in condition for allowance or in better condition for consideration on appeal, its entry under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.116 are respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner's indication that claims 8-10 and 14-17 are allowed is acknowledged and appreciated.

REJECTION UNDER 35 USC 102

In the Office Action claims 1, 3-5 and 7 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by USP 6,535,243 (Tullis). Claims 2 and 6 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being

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unpatentable over Tullis in view of USP 6,262,767 (Wakui). In response, claims 1-4 and 7 are cancelled, and claim 5 is amended to include limitations of claim 7 to more clearly define the present claimed invention over the cited references.

The present claimed invention as defined by amended claim 5 is directed to an electronic camera including processing means for compression processing an image obtained by sensing, recording means for recording the processed image as an image file, and transmission means for transmitting the image file recorded in the recording means upon receiving base station identification information of a master unit in position registration processing according to movement, the master unit having registered a self device as a subsidiary unit. The transmission means transmits only an image unrecorded in a recording apparatus of the master unit and the image file is recorded in the recording apparatus upon being transmitted to the master unit by the transmission means.

USP 6,535,243 (Tullis) discloses an electronic camera system including a host computer 10 having a transceiver function and a handheld digital camera 40 having a transceiver function. The system sends image data of an image picked up by the digital camera 40 to the host computer 10 through a wireless communications link 20. Then, after performing predetermined

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image processing on the image data sent from the system, the host computer 10 performs compression processing on the data to record it in a memory 16. The host computer also sends the image data back to the electronic camera 40. Consequently, the electronic camera 40 can reproduce the image data subjected to processing by the host computer 10, immediately after receiving the data therefrom, with a structure which does not include an image processing unit.

The host computer 10 and the digital camera 40 are linked to each other by the wireless communications link 20. However, they are inseparably related to each other as a system, and must be used together. That is, the digital camera 40 cannot fulfill its complete function unless it is used in combination with the host computer 10.

In the Office Action, the Examiner states that claims 5 and 7 are anticipated by Tullis. In the digital camera taught in Tullis, processor 56 merely controls a photosensor array 48, a memory 52 and a camera transceiver 72. That is, unlike the processing means as now defined in amended claim 5, the processor 56 does not perform compression processing of an image obtained by sensing (see claim 5, lines 3-4), nor does Tullis disclose transmission means which transmits only an image unrecorded in a recording apparatus to the master unit and the image file is

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recorded in the recording apparatus upon being transmitted to the master unit by the transmission means (see claim 5, lines 12-16).

None of the other references of record close the gap between the present claimed invention as defined by amended claim 5 and Tullis.

Claim 6 is dependent on claim 5 and is patentable over the cited references in view of its dependence on claim 5 and because the references do not disclose, teach or suggest each of the limitations set forth in claim 6.

In view of the foregoing, claims 5 and 6 are patentable over the cited references under 35 USC 102 as well as 35 USC 103. Entry of the Amendment and allowance of this application with claims 5, 6, 8-10 and 14-17 are respectfully requested.

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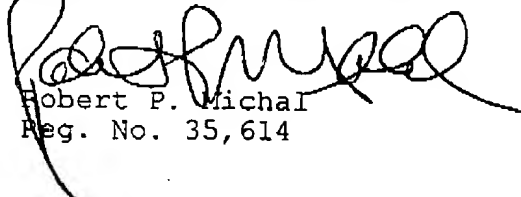
Entry of this Amendment under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.116, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to point out where there is support for a contrary view.

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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